

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The good health and general well-being of the people of South Dakota are strengthened by our knowledge and understanding of a rare birth defect known as Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS); and,

*Whereas*, Children born with CdLS usually have low birth weight and develop at a slower rate, both mentally and physically, and possess other physical complications; and although a cause has not been discovered, dedicated medical professionals are presently involved in valuable research and education activities to explore new possibilities and to offer hope; and,

*Whereas*, A leading advocate and active voice in offering parental and family support while increasing public awareness about CdLS, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, is a non-profit family support organization whose mission is, "Reaching Out, Providing Help, and Giving Hope," and,

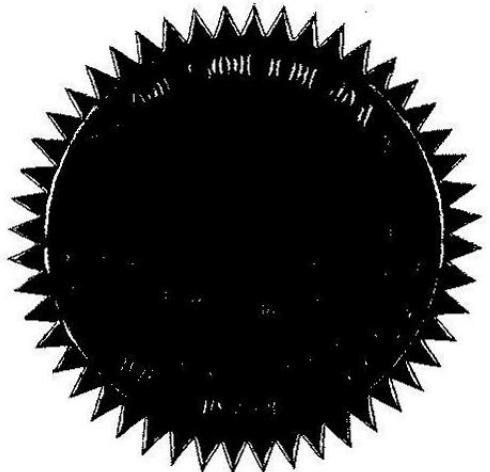
*Whereas*, South Dakota is pleased to join people throughout our state in promoting a special celebration that seeks to raise awareness of Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of people with CdLS and their caregivers:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 11, 2003, as

### *CORNELIA de LANGE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY*

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to remember the individuals across our state that are affected by this rare birth defect.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State